

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended): A transaction card system comprising:

a foldable transaction card having a folded state and an unfolded state and further having the dimensions of a standard transaction card when in the unfolded state wherein said foldable transaction card comprises a first section and a second section wherein a hinge is disposed between the first and second sections; and

a housing surrounding the transaction card when the transaction card is in a folded state wherein the housing comprises a hinge for folding and closing said housing and further wherein the housing has at least one dimension smaller than a standard transaction card when the housing is in the folded and closed state.

Claim 2 (original): The transaction card system of claim 1 wherein the transaction card is removably disposed within the housing.

Claim 3 (original): The transaction card system of claim 1 wherein at least the first section of the transaction card is attached to the housing.

Claim 4 (original): The transaction card system of claim 1 wherein the housing comprises a first section and a second section wherein the hinge is disposed between the first and second sections.

Claim 5 (original): The transaction card system of claim 4 wherein the first section of the transaction card is attached to the first section of the housing.

Claim 6 (original): The transaction card system of claim 1 wherein the housing comprises an attaching means and the transaction card is attached to the housing via the attaching means.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The transaction card system of claim 6 wherein the attaching ~~means~~ means comprises a track, wherein the transaction card is disposed within the track.

Claim 8 (original): The transaction card system of claim 7 wherein the first section of the transaction card is removably disposed within the track.

Claim 9 (original): The transaction card system of claim 1 wherein the housing comprises an opening means for opening the housing to access the transaction card disposed therein.

Claim 10 (original): The transaction card system of claim 1 wherein the opening means comprises an actuator whereby actuating the actuator allows the housing to open.

Claim 11 (original): The transaction card system of claim 1 wherein the hinge of the housing is spring-loaded.

Claim 12 (original): The transaction card system of claim 11 wherein the spring-loaded hinge of the housing allows the housing to spring open when opened.

Claim 13 (original): The transaction card system of claim 1 wherein the first section of the transaction card is attached to the housing and the second section unfolds outside the housing when the housing is opened.

Claim 14 (currently amended): The transaction card system of claim 13 wherein the second section comprises ~~an electronic~~ a storage means for storing information on the transaction card that is readable with ~~an electronic~~ a storage means reader.

Claim 15 (original): The transaction card system of claim 14 wherein the storage means is a magnetic stripe.

Claim 16 (original): The transaction card system of claim 15 wherein the magnetic stripe is readable by a magnetic stripe without removing the transaction card from the housing.

Claim 17 (original): The transaction card system of claim 15 wherein the magnetic stripe is readable by a magnetic stripe reader after the transaction card is removed from the housing.

Claim 18 (original): The transaction card system of claim 1 wherein the hinge between the first and second sections of the transaction card comprises a fold line in said transaction card.

Claim 19 (currently amended): The transaction card system of claim 1 wherein the transaction card hinge comprises a strip interconnected to both the first and second sections.

Claim 20 (canceled).